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1. MEXICAN HENEQUEN PRODUCTION HAS NOT EVIDENCED FALLOFF, LEVEL FOR LAST THREE YEARS ROUGHLY THE SAME WITH POSSIBLE SLIGHT INCREASE IN A AND B CLASSIFICATIONS DK TO GREATER CARE IN PROCESSING. MC, DECLASIFICADO AND DANADO TYPES MAY SHOW SLIGHT DECREASE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES BLAME HIGH PRICES TO LOW PRODUCTION IN BRASIL AND TANZANIA DUE TO DRAUGHT.

2. MEXICAN PRODUCTION NOW COMPLETELY IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT PROCESSOR CORDEMEX WITH SOLE RIGHTS TO APPORTION EXPORTS. SINCE PRODUCT DEMAND HAS INCREASED, LARGER QUANTITIES OF AVAILABLE MEXICAN RAW MATERIAL BEING ABSORBED BY CORDEMEX, PARTICULARLY MC, DESCLASIFICADO AND DANADO, CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH SUPPLIES TO US CONSUMERS. EXPORTS OF CORDAGE HAVE INCREASED, PARTICULARLY TO FRANCE, WITH NO EVIDENCE THAT EXPORTS HAVE INCREASED TO EASTERN EUROPE.

3. GREATER WORLD DEMAND HAS DECREASED LOCAL STOCKS FROM ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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400,000 BALES LAST YEAR TO ZERO.

4. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO SHIFT FROM HENEQUEN TO CATTLE ECONOMY
IN YUCATAN AREA HAVE NOT MADE NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN PRODUCTION
FIGURES.
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